

DEPEW, IN PARIS, TALKS FOR TAFT

Bryan's Chance Is Hopeless,
Says Senator From
New York.

PARIS, Aug. 1.—Chauncey M. Depew, who is resting and seeing old friends here before going on to cure his rheumatism at Aix-les-Bains, has found a likeness between Paris and Chicago. The delegates in the Republican convention a month ago had to wear fur coats for the first three days, and for the next three they wanted to wear nothing at all.

Here in Paris when Mr. Depew arrived ten days ago he had to take refuge behind closed window screens and under cooling fans from the exaggerated clemency of the summer outside. This afternoon the American correspondent found him in his heated sitting room in the Elysee Palace Hotel looking out on wet November-like skies.

Must Carry New York.
"Estimating the political situation at home from here," he said, "I do not see how Mr. Taft can lose, for Mr. Bryan's chance is hopeless unless he can carry New York State. Samuel Gompers has promised Mr. Bryan the labor vote; but can he deliver it? The American mechanic is as keen a professional man as the business or professional man. He knows that protective tariff has raised his wages and given him the position he has as compared with the working slaves of Europe, and Mr. Bryan would do away with that tariff."

"It may not be an exciting, but it will be a very interesting American, for Mr. Hearst's party has a very large following. Personally, I believe that the return of confidence and employment and prosperity all around. Certainly Mr. Bryan's success would mean prolonged

FRENCH RAILROADS FACE BIG STRIKE

Failure of Government to Answer
Demand for Wage Increase
Brings Crisis.

PARIS, Aug. 1.—A strike is brewing on the French nationalized railroads, according to the belief of the afternoon papers. Government acquisition of the Western railway, in addition to the many lines it already held, brought matters to a crisis.

On the ground that living expenses have increased, the men adopted resolutions calling for a revision of the scale. More than a fortnight has passed without a formal reply. Officials of the administration have stated in interviews that they do not propose to submit to dictations.

The employees say that they will stop work in a body, and will not allow the government to fill their places.

uncertainty and doubt, with want of confidence and bad times.

"He depends much on his anti-injunction plank, but the court records show that of 2,600 injunctions granted in protection of property, only fifty have been granted against strikes. Of the 2,000,000 members of the Federation of Labor, only 50,000 at the outside can have been affected by them.

Both Are Pledged.

"Both Republicans and Democrats have pledged themselves to the publication of party funds. That will certainly reduce subscriptions. Powerful industries will not cease subscribing, but they will not give so much if the figures are to be published. The largest amount ever spent was by Mark Hanna for President McKinley's election.

"Here in France public life seems quiet, but I believe that the question of the church schools is only kept under for a time, and that it will prove the most difficult of all for the government. I could not support the government buying in the French Western railway, for I am against state ownership. It not only gives a worse service by preventing competition and enterprise, but it loads the payroll of the railways with politicians. They replace nobody because they cannot do railway work, and all the old staff has to be retained, with them added.

"As for the income tax bill now before the French chamber, if it becomes law the American money in France will be taken out."

CHLOROFORM SURE SUNSTROKE CURE

French Physicians Declare It
Calms Movements of the
Heart.

PARIS, Aug. 1.—French physicians have found a new and—they claim—fallible remedy for sunstroke. It is chloroform.

They state that the gravity of a case of sunstroke is proportionate to the amount of fatigue the patient has undergone immediately preceding the attack. In its worst form there is syncope accompanied by intense cerebral disturbances, liable to result in death. The therapeutics of the malady have long been obscure. The commonest remedies have been bleeding, cold applications, etc.

The new treatment is simply chloroform given by way of inhalation or swallowed in a dilution of water. The reason for this beneficial action of chloroform in cases of sunstroke may be given in a few words.

The syncope, the collapse, the fainting, which are the most serious states, are not due as has been thought, to momentary paralysis of certain nerve ganglia or to any exceptional rigidity of the cardiac muscles; they are due solely to the exceptional work the heart has been called upon to do. The heat has accelerated the normal rhythm of the heart. It has overworked it. The veritable paralysis which ensues is the logical consequence of this overexertion.

On the other hand the very fatigue of the cardiac muscles permits the circulatory system to be flooded with veritable organic poisons, which ultimately come in contact with the cellular elements of the brain, irritate them, and produce, by reflex action, a convulsive condition of the cerebral centers.

Chloroform calms the movements of the heart, diminishes the excitability of the nerve ganglia and—in almost every instance—cures in a few moments.

PEASANTS HUNT SACRED DRAGON

Thousands in Japan Try to
Ensnare Alleged Worker
of Miracles.

TOKYO, Aug. 1.—"Dragon hunting" has become the craze of thousands of peasants in the province of Sasebo, where there is a vast unexplored bamboo jungle said to be inhabited by a sacred dragon. The peasants are trying to ensnare the dragon with offerings of rice and other food, so that he may work miracles, in fulfillment of a curious rumor that has been spread abroad about his powers.

Last February there was a fall of "dark-colored rain," which "shook the earth to its foundations." According to the peasants' story the dragon appeared toward nightfall and ascended to the clouds. As soon as he had disappeared the rain stopped.

Sadajiro Shinoki, who owns the jungle, declares that that night he had a "sacred dream," in which the dragon appeared to him, announcing that he had succeeded in ascending into the heavens, and that the jungle he had been living in would henceforth be sanctified and would be endowed with healing virtue for all diseases.

This story brought thousands of pilgrims to the jungle—invalide who came in order to be cured, and who contributed to the offertory box which Shinoki had thoughtfully provided.

The rumor was then spread that the dragon had reappeared, and this brought more pilgrims than ever. They tried all sorts of devices whereby the dragon might be caught and made to work wondrous miracles.

Shinoki is suspected by the police of having invented the whole story as a means of collecting money, but he has, with apparent sincerity, declared that he will hand over all the contributions to charitable objects.

KIPLING CAUSES BAD WAR SCARE

Novelist One of Party Taken
by English for Ger-
man Spies.

LONDON, Aug. 1.—England's blood has been running cold lately by reason of sensational stories about German spies swarming on the East coast, taking copious notes and making plans and sketches of the country for the purposes of a future invasion.

Circumstantial stories have been printed describing how mysterious Germans were living next door to every postoffice on the East coast, and it was actually declared that a party of German officers was executing a "suicide" in Epping Forest—the approach to London from the Northeast. When questions were asked in Parliament about these alarming stories, War Secretary Haldane resolutely declined to take them seriously.

Explanation Offered.

A perfectly innocent explanation has now been made regarding one phase of this espionage scare. The chief constable of Lincolnshire stated at a meeting of the local authorities that he had obtained information about the supposed spies, and the only thing he learned that might have given rise to speculation was that a number of gentlemen were making investigations in connection with a proposed railway.

This party consisted of Rudyard Kipling and several friends who had come into Lincolnshire to inspect the land through which the proposed railway might run. The chief constable added that he had found no indication that the East coast had been visited by German officers of the staff or otherwise.

Rudyard Kipling, accompanied by his

EMULATES TOLSTOY; SENDS HIS DIARY

Correspondent Gives Details of
Executions and Sentences to
London Press.

LONDON, Aug. 1.—Taking his cue from the text on which Leo Tolstoy founded his terrible arraignment of the Russian government because of its massacres by the official hangmen, a correspondent in St. Petersburg sends to the London Daily Telegraph the following gruesome extracts from his diary:

June 17—Execution in Ekaterinograd (the victim pulled the noose himself); execution in Lodz.

June 18—Nine death sentences. Report to the prison department that a "political" was shot in a Kiev prison because "he had seated himself on the window ledge and enjoyed the landscape."

June 19—One execution in Riga; two death sentences there for the burning of a manorial estate; two death sentences in Samara.

June 20—Six executions in Sebastopol and Warsaw.

June 21—Two executions; seventeen death sentences (one against a cripple for firing a head of straw). In Elizavinsk the guard shot at political prisoners for looking out of the window of the prison, and wounded two of them.

June 22—Two women, on account of alleged participation in the attempt on Governor General Skalon, condemned to death.

June 23—Death sentence.

wife and daughter, have just returned from a winter spent in South Africa. The poet is in excellent health and shows no signs of advancing age, despite the fact that he is working at a harder pace than ever.

Owing to the annoyance caused by tourists Mr. Kipling has removed from Rottingdean near Brighton and is now living in a secluded and charming place near Tunbridge Wells, well off the tourists' route.

During recent years Mr. Kipling has developed into a serious and active propagandist of Imperialism, and his pen has been busy in the work of uniting the fragmentary British Empire.

TWELVE AIRSHIPS FOR THE KAISER

Dirigible War Balloons Are
Ordered—Will Be Added
to German Forces.

BERLIN, Aug. 1.—Before the outbreak of the next war, whenever that may come, the Kaiser will have added what might be called aerial cavalry to his fighting forces. Since the successful flights of the Zeppelin airships the German government has ordered twelve military airships built, which are to be ready for flight and fight by next spring. At the coming Kaiser maneuvers from September 7 to 9, at Saarburg, five dirigible airships will be used.

Speaking of the usefulness of dirigible balloons to armies in the field, Major Gross, chief of the German military airship department, said the other day: "Hitherto generals have primarily used cavalry to ascertain the position of the enemy and the movements of hostile troops. It is also well known that at the beginning of each campaign each general sends swarms of spies to report to him what form the enemy's plans are assuming."

"When airships can sail safely for long distances they will render invaluable service in this respect. Experience, of course, can alone teach us the exact functions of an airship in watching hostile forces, but we may safely predict today that officers aboard an aerial vessel will be able to observe the movements of large bodies of troops as they march through the country, while it will further be possible to estimate the number of troops conveyed by any given railroad."

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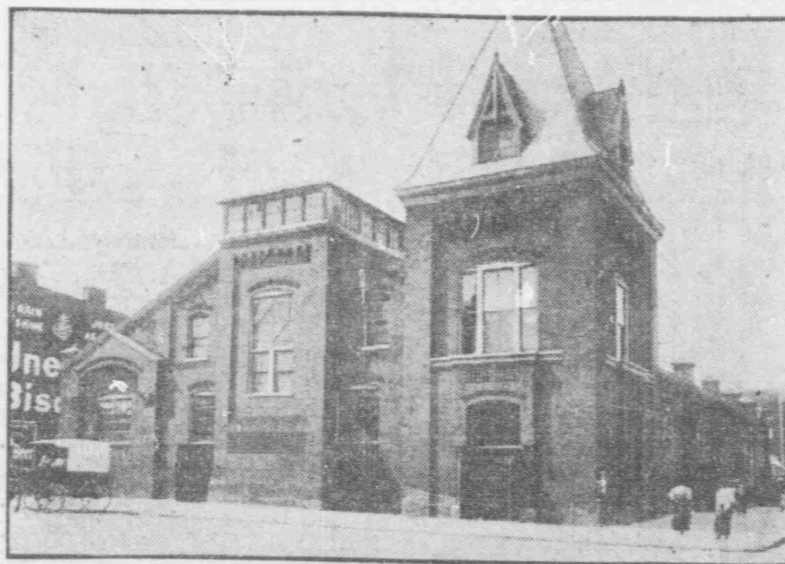
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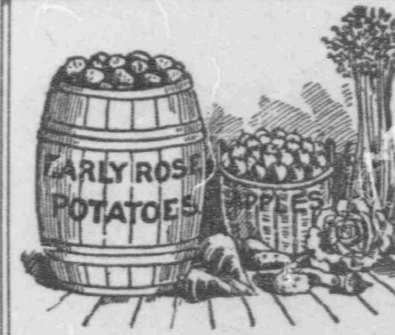


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